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In re Application of Thomas M. Cowan et al. Application No. 08/821,890 Filed: March 21, 1997 Attorney Docket No. 60798

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed August 9, 2000, under 37 CFR 1.8 and 1.10 which is being treated as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment for the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Under current Office procedure, a response that has an incorrect application number is handled in accordance with MPEP 508.03. If a paper having an incorrect application number contains sufficient information to identify the correct application and was timely filed, the holding of abandonment will be withdrawn. In reviewing the papers submitted, it is concluded that the information contained thereon was sufficient to associate the papers with the instant file.

The file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2700 for further examination in due course.

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